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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

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SUBJECT: Senior Publications Review Committee

1. Over the past four years, the magnitude and multiplicity of unclassified printing requested of the Printing and Photography Division, Office of Logistics (P&PD/OL) have increased substantially. P&PD has generally been totally responsive to these requirements from the publishing component, but not without a cost to OL. Since much of the work was custom produced using nonstandard materials and labor-intensive production techniques, substantial expenditures for equipment and supplies were made, and specialized talents and skills were required. The validity of printing such material has been questioned a number of times, and P&PD has made it a practice to work with the publishers in reducing either the complexity or extraordinary quality requested. The Inspector General, in its last audit of P&PD, recommended that the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence (DDCI) establish a Publications Review Group to look at the multiplicity and volume of printing being done with the view of eliminating the nonessential.

2. The then DDCI elected not to establish such a group but felt that the directorates should be self-policing.

3. Little change was noted until quite recently when both the current Director of Central Intelligence and the DDCI spoke out on the necessity of concentrating our efforts on the intelligence mission of the Agency and reducing the amount of publicity and unclassified material being made available to the public. Since these statements, there has been a considerable reduction in printing this type of material. We would expect to see this trend continue as long as this remains the position of Agency senior management and it is periodically reiterated. It is P&PD's intent to continue to monitor this area; and, if we see a marked and sustained increase in requirements of this nature, we will recommend that an Agency Publications Review Group, consisting of senior representatives of each directorate, be established to review and approve the printing.


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